

### **REMARKS**

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2006.

Claims 1-87 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement.

Claims 1-87 were originally presented. Claims 1-54, 59-62, and 84-87 remain in the application. Claims 55, 56, 58, 67-76, and 81-83 were previously canceled. Claims 57, 63-66 and 77-80 have been canceled without prejudice in response to the restriction requirement, as detailed below. Claim 57 was canceled as agreed to in the telephone conference with the Examiner on 13 May 2005. No claims have been amended. No claims have been added.

#### **Election/Restriction Requirements:**

In response to the restriction requirement of January 24, 2006, the Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, group I. The claims readable thereon being claims 1-54, 59-62, and 84-87.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement for the following reasons. Examination of at least the apparatus/method claims 1-54, 59-66, 77-80, and 84-87 in the same application would not pose a serious burden under M.P.E.P. § 805.05(e) because there is commonality of dominant elements between the claims of Groups I and II (FIGs. 1-26).

### CONCLUSION

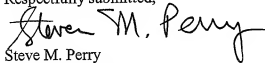
In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-54, 59-62, and 84-87 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejections and objections be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Vaughn North at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

The fees, in the amount of \$60.00, are being paid electronically pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), for a one month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. No claims were added. Therefore, no additional fee is due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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